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## QUESTIONS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM

I. WHAT ARE SOVIET CAPABILITIES FOR A SURPRISE ATTACK ON THE UNITED STATES BEFORE JULY 1952?

- Defense (A-2)      A. Direct military attack?
- (CIA-O/SI)        B. Clandestine attack\* with weapons of mass destruction?
- Defense (G-2)      C. Subversive operations, sabotage, and civil disturbances?

II. TO WHAT EXTENT COULD DAMAGE WHICH THE USSR COULD INFLICT ON THE UNITED STATES BY A SURPRISE ATTACK BE REDUCED?

- A. By US countermeasures available as of 1 October 1951:
- Defense (A-2)      1. For employment against overt military attack?
- (CIA-O/SI)        2. For employment against clandestine attack?
- Defense (G-2)      3. For employment against sabotage and internal disturbances?
- B. By US countermeasures which could be made ready by 1 July 1952:
- Defense (A-2)      1. For employment against overt military attack?
- (CIA-O/SI)        2. For employment against clandestine attack?
- Defense (G-2)      3. For employment against sabotage and internal disturbances?

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\*Defined for the purposes of this estimate as "attack through covert, secret or concealed means, either of a military or non-military nature."

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III. WHAT WOULD BE THE NET EFFECT OF A SOVIET SURPRISE ATTACK  
ON THE UNITED STATES EMPLOYING ALL ITS CAPABILITIES?

(To be included  
in contributions  
to Section I  
& II)

- A. Allowing for US countermeasures available as of  
1 October 1951?
- B. Allowing for US countermeasures which could be made  
ready by 1 July 1952?

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